

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A floatable dry dock for ~~lifting a vessel in or out of the water, the dry dock~~ comprising:

~~a buoyant base having one or more buoyant hulls,~~

a lifting ~~eradle,~~ cradle having two spaced arms pivotally mounted on ~~[[one]]~~ a buoyant base, one or more floatation tanks interconnecting the arms, ~~which floatation tanks are capable of being purged of water by being filled with compressed air to vary the buoyancy of the cradle,~~

a platform ~~pivotally mounted between~~ on the arms, ~~for supporting the vessel during lifting or lowering of the vessel into or out of the water, and~~

~~[[a]] platform support means comprising pairs of extendable and contractible links, one of each pair of links being operable to extend when the other link of the pair contracts and the links being operable to ensure that the platform remains horizontal relative to its axis of pivotal mounting on the arms such that during lifting and lowering of a vessel the dock remains stable~~ when the arms pivot about their pivotable attachment to the base,

~~wherein the vessel is lowered and raised by pivoting the lifting cradle with respect to the buoyant base~~ platform has wheels at an extremity of the platform and the platform support means comprises an arcuate track on each arm along which the wheels of the platform run when the arms are pivoted while maintaining the platform in a horizontal attitude;

whereby the floatation tanks may be flooded with water to lower the platform and enable a vessel to float into position over the platform, and purged of water to lift the vessel clear of the water.

13. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein the arms are of an arcuate shape and there is a plurality of elongate flotation tanks extending between the arms to define a part cylindrical cradle.

14. (Currently Amended) A dry dock as in ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 32 wherein the base comprises a catamaran ~~hull~~ vessel.

15. (Currently Amended) A dry dock as in ~~Claim 12~~ Claim 14 wherein the base comprises a sidewall located at each end of the hulls of the base and the pivot about which the arms rotate is located on an axis between the hulls that extends along the length of the hulls.

16. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein a single floatable cradle is mounted on the base.

17. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein two spaced floatable cradles are mounted on the base.

18. (Previously Presented) A dry dock as in Claim 12 wherein the arms comprise inflatable buoyancy tanks.

Claims 19 - 31 (Cancelled).

32. (New) A dry dock according to claim 13 wherein the base comprises one or more elongate hulls.

33. (New) A dry dock as in Claim 22 wherein the base comprises a sidewall located at each end of the hulls of the base and the pivot about which the arms rotate is located on an axis between the hulls that extends along the length of the hulls.